RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after 1976 not a single long distance passenger train has been introduced between Howrah and Delhi|New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to introduce such trains as this section is over-crowded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, the frequency of 2301|2302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express was increased from two days to four days a week from 1.4.83 and from four days to five days a week from 1.10.86. The frequency of New Delhi|Howrah A.C. Express was also increased from five days a wek to daily.

Introduction of new trains on Indian Railways is a continuous process subject to traffic justification resource availability and operational feasibility.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express between Howrah and Bombay

328. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether there is any proposal for introduction of another Rajdhani Express between Howrah and Bombay;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

Disposable scrap in the Railway Sector

329. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much disposable scrap is generated every year in the railway sector; and

(b) in what manner the said scrap is disposed—details of the norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Category-wise details of scrap arising on the zonal Railways during the last three years are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below)

(b) Scrap material on the Railways is sold through:

i. Public Auctions

ii. Advertised Tenders

iii. Direct sale to other Government Departments.

For the public auctions, adequate publicity is given and only highest bid is accepted, if the price is reasonable and ocmpetition sufficiently keen.

Statement

Category-wise Details of the Scrap arisings on the Zonal Railways

Categoy of Scrap	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
RAILS (In Metric tonnes)	140370	188409	182624
FERROUS (In Metric tonnes)	295978	288896	377130
NON-FERROUS (In Metric tonnes)	7014	6339	6919
WAGONS (In Numbers)	12047	14107	15988
COACHES (In Numbers)	1913	1831	1862
LOCOS (In Numbers)	572	334	491